GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4121
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NON-PAYMENT OF WAGES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Members of the Weavers Cooperative Society in Andhra Pradesh were not paid wages for the last six months after the society closing down due to misappropriation of funds by the staff and the former president;

(b) if so , whether the weavers have launched a relay hunger strike demanding the Government to take action against the culprits, recovery of amount and reopening of the society;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government have lifted all kinds of subsidies when the cost of raw material had gone up;

(d) if so, whether due to lack of market facilities, corruption among the officials, the stocks had piled up in all the societies;

(e) if so, whether the weavers were also not getting returns from the procured finished goods; and

(f) if so, the extent to which State Government and Union Government have agreed to help and assist the weavers in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b)There is no representation or complaint received by the Government on account of non payment of wages due to closure of society and misappropriation of funds. However, there was a strike in a Pavakaraopara Weavers Cooperative Society, Vishakhapatnam District wherein the issue was settled amicably.

(c) & (d) No Sir.

(e) & (f) Recently, the Government of India launched a new scheme i.e. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana covering gamut of activities including support for basic input, infrastructure, strengthening of organization, design input, etc. to encourage product diversification and enhance marketability of the handloom products. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has also adopted various innovative measures such as new marketing avenues through organisation of Chenetha Bazars and Exhibitions.Efforts are being made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to release funds to APCO for immediate payment of wages to the members of the Societies.